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Re: Postponement of 3rd WCCES Symposium and 55th Meeting of the WCCES Executive Committee due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe! I hope also that you received the reflective message of solidarity that I sent a few days ago.

As a result of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic that is still spreading to various parts of the world with no way of predicting when it will subside, it is necessary that we postpone the 3rd WCCES symposium convened jointly with the 1st International Conference of Mondial Association for Peace by Comparative Education (MAPE), 6th International Conference of Indian Ocean Comparative Education Society (IOCES) and 3rd Conference of Portuguese Society of Education Sciences - Section of Comparative Education (SPCE-SEC) scheduled by us to be held at Universidad Lusophona, Lisbon, Portugal on July 6-8, 2020.

Subsequently, the 55th meeting of the Executive Committee that was planned to take place on the first half of July 6, 2020 is also postponed.

As soon as it becomes safe, we will communicate new dates for the 3rd Symposium and the 55th Executive Committee, hopefully before the end of this calendar year. In the meantime, we will keep open the deadline for the paper submission. As soon as we have the new dates, we will communicate the final deadline for the submissions.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you also that following the cancellation of the CIES 2020 annual conference in Miami, the scheduled WCCES Leadership meeting and information session have been cancelled.

Happily, the regularly scheduled Bureau meetings that are conducted every two months will take place as they are held via teleconference.

I thank you for your patience and understanding, reiterating our solidarity and empathy and wishing for the continued wellbeing of each other.

Sincerely,

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